

Sacramento Valley LFL Chapter Meeting – Feb. 2, 2013

The meeting was opened with prayer at 1:45 P.M. by President Lois Brauer. We had 12 present at this meeting.

Ali Bohnhof, Secretary, read the minutes of our last meeting of May 12, 2012. The minutes were approved as read.

Lois shared some correspondence she received from Grace Lutheran in Hayward. Due to the information she has been sending to the District E-newsletter and other communication, Grace Lutheran was encouraged to start a LFL Chapter #345 and recently attended the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco. We are very happy that they have a Chapter and hopefully will be able to share events and presentations with them.

The National LFL office announced that they will discontinue printing their LIFE NEWS newsletter and will be sending it on the internet only. Lois will be submitting the annual Chapter report required by the National Office soon.

James Brauer, Jr., Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$3,171.48 in our account at El Dorado Savings Bank. James paid the annual website fees of \$51.00. James also submitted form 990-N to IRS for year-end 2012. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for review.

Lois discussed the necessity of a financial audit being done. She and Sarah Hintz will speak with some people they know and we can possibly hire someone to do an audit this year.

Roger expressed his concern on contacting future pastors that will be taking ministry positions at Greenhaven and Folsom churches and letting them know about us and our Chapter. There was an encouraging discussion about the S.F. Walk for Life with 50,000 walkers, National Walk for Life of 500,000 walkers. We can also support other life groups such as 40 Days for Life, and Bud Reeves SOHNET, which gives education on pro-life issues at high schools and college campuses.

Pastor John Paul Meyer is the current circuit counselor and chairs the circuit Winkle meetings. Lois discussed attending a future meeting.

Lois thanked everyone who participated in our event of Sept. 22, 2012, Estate Planning and Legal Issues with Robin Bevier.

Linda Cruz agreed to be responsible for contacting Senior Care Solutions for speakers for the Caregiving Event planned for June 29th, 2013. We also hope to include the Alzheimers Association in the lineup. We plan to have an all day event with two classes (tracks) in the morning and two in the afternoon with a lunch break provided by the Chapter. The topics will address Navigating the Senior Care Maze, Stress tips, Communication between Parents and Adult Children, Alzheimers/Dementia Issues. We will contact Town and Country Lutheran Church for the venue and plan the time from 9:30am to 3:00pm. We need to get with Val for advertising with local Church Newsletters, Websites, Facebook and Christian stores that may advertise a flyer concerning event.

James and Lois have been in contact with Karen Kropf pertaining to another event on Sexuality that she presents each year. Karen is trying to find another agency or church with whom we may be able to partner.

Zion Lutheran's Life Sunday is coming up on Feb. 24th and Pastor Ellis will be continuing his sermon series on the 10 commandments. That Sunday he will be preaching the 5th commandment, Thou Shalt Not Kill. He has invited us to set up an LFL display with handouts. Roger will bring our display, Sarah will bring a new display with ultrasound pictures, and Lois will order and bring handouts including "feet" pins and fetus models. Sarah will ask Wanda if we can host the coffee time between services and Sarah said she will make a cake. Lois will ask Pastor Ellis if Bible Study hour can be about life issues.

Lois shared a copy of the last issue of the Lutheran Witness which is entirely devoted to life issue. Diane mentioned there are also materials available from Lutheran Hour Ministries on cradle to grave issues. She hopes we can establish a resource library at Zion as that was one of our original goals.

Our Goals for this Year

Reach out to other congregations concerning displays for their churches. Diane will mention our group at the next LLL convention she will be attending.

Sarah will mention our group with her contacts at Bayside and Adventure churches and encourage them to check us out.

We would like to have an event highlighting adoption. Lois will contact Adoption Connection group from S.F. and perhaps ask Cheryl Noack to give her personal testimony.

We will pursue getting an LFL coordinator at St. Matthews and Holy Cross. Lois suggested that if we get enough younger people involved, it might be advisable to contact Steve Macias as a good resource to assist us in getting younger people involved in life issues. We also are encouraged to contact other churches when we have fundraisers, possibly supporting their fundraisers as well. There are many businesses that give fundraiser incentives in the area, some highlighted were Chevy's @ 15%, Panda Express @ 20%, Tuscany @ 20%, See's Candies, and LWML.

Upcoming local events:

40 Days for Life Feb.13 – Mar. 24, 2013

Baby Bottle Project Feb 13 – Mar. 22, 2013

Mother's Day Rose Sale May 12, 2013

Walk/Run for Life—APC & Sac. Life Center's May 18, 2013

APC Gala for Life Sept. 27, 2013

Life Chain Oct. 6, 2013

Salute to Life Dinner & Auction Nov. 9, 2013

Our next meeting will be March 16, 2013 at Roundtable Pizza, 11:15am.

The meeting was closed at 4:15pm with prayer by Tim Brauer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ali Bohnhof
Secretary

